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TO: Recipients of Higher Education Enrollment Status and Projects

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SUBJECT: 2003 WASHINGTON STATE HIGHER EDUCATION TRENDS AND

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Beginning with the 2003-05 Biennium, the Office of Financial Management (OFM) will cease to publish the biennial *Higher Education Enrollment Statistics and Projections* report and the *Data Supplement* in hardcopy format. Instead, the same data and projections will be made available on OFM's website at www.ofm.wa.gov/hied/index.htm. Updates will be made on an annual basis.

In addition, a much shorter version of the former hardcopy publications, called *Higher Education Trends and Highlights*, will be published and updated annually. A copy of this new publication is attached.

The new publication identifies key enrollment trends in higher education, addresses the most frequently asked questions about enrollments, and presents the data in chart form with comments. Users of the data can also access and print out these charts at www.ofm.wa.gov/hied/highlights/index.htm.

We appreciate the assistance provided by higher education institutions. Without their work, these data products would not be possible. Please contact me at (360) 902-0590 or by e-mail irv.lefberg@ofm.wa.gov if you have any questions or comments.

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